

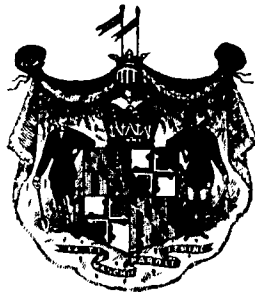
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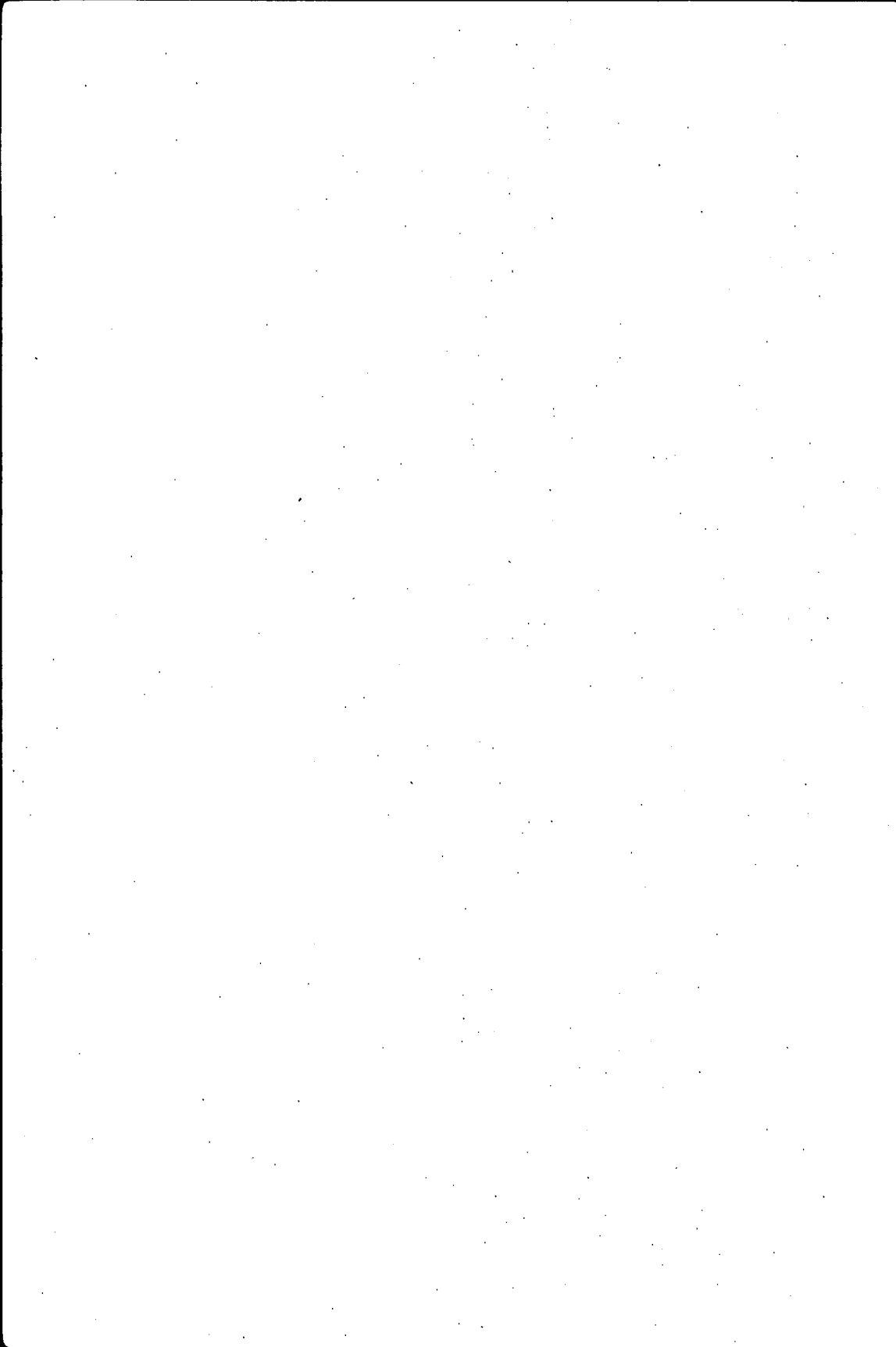
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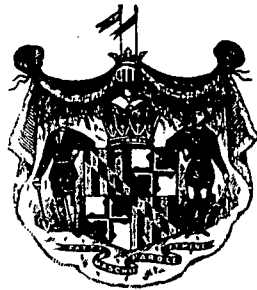
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Reference.*

LIBRARY HOURS.

The State Library is open daily, except Sundays and Legal Holidays, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., and during sessions of the Court of Appeals from 8 A. M. until 10 P. M. On Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M. During the months of June, July, August and September from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN

To the State Library Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to your Honorable Body, my second Biennial Report as Librarian of the State of Maryland for the calendar years 1918-1919.

ACCESSIONS.

The Library has been increased in the period from January 1918 to January 1920 as follows:

From the United States Government.....	435
States and Territories in exchange.....	1630
Purchase and Gift.....	672
Total.....	2737

The pamphlets received from the U. S. Government are not enumerated on the above accession-list, as they are arranged in their proper classes and subsequently bound in book form then catalogued and placed upon the shelves.

STATE PUBLICATIONS.

The Maryland Reports, including Vols. 131-132-133, have been distributed as received, also the Laws, Journals and Documents of the General Assembly of 1918, in accordance with Article 55 of the Public General Laws of 1912.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

A photograph of Captain Frederick Campbell Colston, of the Field Artillery. Captain Colston was a member of the Maryland Bar. He died in France November, 1918. Photograph presented by his father.

E. C. Hohen—Recollections of a Happy Life.

E. L. Balch—The North Pole and Bradley Land.

Harriet J. Walker—Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois.

Geo. W. Blake—Subversive Short Speeches.

Thomas Hughes—My family Memoirs.

David Nelson Camp—Recollections of a Long and Active Life.

Geo. Stewart Brown—Judicial Review in Custom Taxation.

William Healey Dale—Spencer Fullerton Baird. A Biography.

Arthur Peterson—Collected Poems.

Arthur Peterson—Andvaris Ring.

Thomas Schroeder—Constitutional Free Speech.

Joseph J. C. Clark, Japan at First Sight.

Chauncey M. Depew—Speeches and Literary Contribution at Four Score and Four.

Maj. M. Henry Howard—Recollections of a Confederate Soldier and Staff Officer under Lee and Jackson, 1861-1865.

George Hodgdon—The Vaughn Family.

Edward G. Kenly—A Colonial Governor of Maryland, Horatio Sharpe, by Lady Edgar.

SALE OF LAWS.

Returns have been made to the Comptroller of the Treasury for the Sale of Maryland Session Laws during the past two years. \$145.00.

SALE OF OLD BOOKS.

In the General Assembly of 1916 an Act was passed authorizing the State Librarian, with the consent and approval of the Library Committee to sell or otherwise dispose of some of the books and documents not deemed necessary or desirable to be retained in said Library. After much negotiation a sale was finally accomplished. Hundreds of useless books and pamphlets were disposed of and a goodly sum of money turned over to the Treasurer. There are still, however, thousands of books that could be disposed of if the Committee see fit to consent to the sale.

REBINDING BOOKS.

During the past two years we have had bound 178 volumes. This includes books from both Law and Reference Departments. There are many valuable books that need rebinding and prompt attention to the matter will save money in the end.

CONTRACT TO FURNISH STATE STATIONERY.

The contract to furnish supplies for the use of the Legislature, the Court of Appeals, the Executive Department and State Library has been awarded to the Dulany-Vernay Co., Baltimore, the lowest bidders for \$3,950.09. This contract is awarded by the Board of Public Works. The Librarian's duty by law is to submit the specifications to said Board.

BINDING LAWS.

Having solicited bids for binding the Laws, House and Senate Journals, Documents and Bills for the Session of 1920, the firm of the Albrecht Company, Baltimore, Maryland, being the lowest responsible bidder was awarded the contract for the sum of \$2124.00.

STATE LIBRARIAN.

The duties of the State Librarian are prescribed by law, also the law regulates the manner in which the volumes of the State Library shall be kept and accounted for by the Librarian. The Librarian is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor. (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 3.)

MARYLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

This Commission was established under the law, with the power to give advice and counsel to all public libraries and public school libraries in the State, and to all persons proposing to establish them, as to the best means to their establishment and maintenance, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of management; and also to organize and conduct travelling libraries throughout the State. The Commission has its office at the State Normal School, Towson, Maryland.

Field Secretary, Miss Helen Frances Carleton, Towson, Maryland.

LIBRARY FEATURES.

The State Library being a reference and not a Circulating Library, no books can be taken out except as specified in Art. 55, Sec. 6, Code of Public Laws. Those specified are the Executive, Judges of the Court of Appeals

and the Members of the General Assembly. In the past year there has been a noticeable increase in the people using the Library. Therefore, I hope in the very near future a room may be provided where our patrons may read in privacy and comfort the many interesting books and magazines found on the shelves.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The Reference Department is most interesting, containing as it does many rare old books. Among the most consulted perhaps by the visitors, is the rare edition of the "Maryland Gazette," the first newspaper ever published in Maryland, covering the period from 1745 to 1839. This is said to be the only full file in existence.

This Department is under the able management of Mrs. Alice Tate Williams, who is untiring in her service to the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I wish to emphasize the need of more shelf room for the rapidly accumulating books and publications. At the present high cost of material I quite realize that the steel stacks are prohibitive. Perhaps at a small cost, wooden shelves could be placed on the top tiers of two rooms of the Library which temporarily would save the books from the abuse which must arise from being left on the floor.

CONCLUSION.

The State Librarian feels that she cannot conclude this report without expressing appreciation of the valuable assistance and cordial and cheerful support she has at all times received from every member of the Library Committee and the Staff. I wish to commend to you Mr. E. G. Kenly, Cataloguer and Indexer and Mrs. Alice Tate Williams, Custodian of Reference Works. Through their splendid co-operation I have endeavored to keep the Library up to a high standard.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE V. MACE.

State Librarian.

